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Dedication

"THEY ALSO SERVE WHO ONLY STAND AND WAIT"

MILTON — "ON HIS BLINDNESS"

*With a sense of complete propriety this
history is dedicated to the wives of
physicians the world over who also have
for untold years served their fellow beings
while they only stood or sat*

AND WAITED.

L. S. J.

Preface

The lack of a formal history of the Auxiliary to the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina led the officers and delegates at the Thirty-second Annual Meeting in 1956 to direct that such a history be written.

As a result of the suggestion of Mrs. R. D. Croom, Jr., the outgoing president, the then current president, Mrs. Harvey C. May, directed the incumbent historian to begin the collection of material which would be germane to the writing of such a history and then to proceed in the preparation of such with the idea in view of having the manuscript ready for printing and publication prior to the annual meeting of the Auxiliary in the spring of 1958.

Over the years a great volume of disconnected records and manuscripts has accumulated in the files of the many offices of this organization. In order that these records might be better organized and the unnecessary material eliminated, a special Archives Committee consisting of all of the past-presidents, with the current historian as chairman, was set up. From that multitude of records the data necessary for the preparation of this history has been secured.

In reviewing the files for the last thirty-four years, we found many gaps in historical sequence. Statements were found referring to a previous action and then on further review of the records, we could not find an account of the original action.

As is frequently true, an organization for many years during its early life forgets that 25, 50, or 100 years from that time its usefulness may have reached a point that a history of it would be of value. In this case, however, the records of the very early years of this organization are actually better than some of the records of the years later on.

One of the most happy finds was the handwritten minutes of the organizational meeting on April 18, 1923. These were signed by Mrs. Charles Laughinghouse, recording secretary, pro tempore. A second valuable contribution to the records was a compilation by Mrs. Ethel B. Keiger, who as the first historian (1933) summarized the records for the first ten years. The following year Mrs. Julian Moore carried on the records through 1935. Mrs. Eric Bell then completed the records for the years from 1935 to 1940. In 1940 Mrs. Bell prepared a short summary type history. Although other history summaries may have been written, we have been unable to find one, other than that prepared by Mrs. Charles H. Gay in June, 1951. Mrs. Gay, who was historian at that time, summarized certain data from 1923.

What to include in any review of by-gone years becomes a very great responsibility when one undertakes to compile the data for a history. Since the historian was not there when the events took place, her judgment as to what was important and who should be included is influenced

markedly by the chronicler of that particular era. We hereby offer our apologies to those we have unintentionally slighted in the setting forth of the events in the life of the Auxiliary to the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina.

Any attempt to mention all of the specific individuals who have given assistance in the gathering of material and the actual preparation and writing of this history would lead to the inclusion of additional pages. We must, however, mention a few who have been a source of information by personal contacts.

Mrs. Sadie (Mrs. Paul P.) McCain, a veritable repository of happenings in the state, was kind enough to read the manuscript. Many of Mrs. McCain's pungent witticisms could well have been included in this—the history of one of her projects.

Mrs. Helen (Mrs. Joseph M.) Hitch, the able and efficient treasurer of the Auxiliary checked numerous points of reference for me. Several long letters from Helen tied up various loose ends in the preparation of this manuscript.

Mrs. Dorothy (Donnie M.) Royal, the very cordial, hard-working president of the organization this year also read the manuscript and offered suggestions for its betterment.

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The Organization

The idea of a Woman's Auxiliary to a Medical Society originated with the Woman's Auxiliary of the State Medical Association of Texas. Mrs. Samuel C. Red, at that time president of the Texas Auxiliary, persuaded Dr. E. H. Cary of Dallas to present a resolution in the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association requesting the approval of the organization of a Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association. The object of such an organization was to be "to extend the aims of the medical profession through the wives of doctors to the various women's organizations which looked to the advancement in health and education, to assist in entertainment at all medical conventions, and to promote acquaintanceship among doctors' families so that a closer fellowship might exist."

The resolution was adopted; and the Auxiliary was formally organized in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 26, 1922. Twenty-four women from nine states were present at that organizational meeting.

Dr. John Wesley Long, Greensboro, North Carolina, who had attended the American Medical Association meeting in St. Louis, greatly favored the idea of the formation of a national auxiliary and further felt that the organization of an auxiliary to the Medical Society of North Carolina would be in order. On March 17, 1923, Dr. Long drove down to Sanatorium, North Carolina, to talk with Mrs. Paul P. McCain regarding the establishment of such a group. A committee from the House of Delegates of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina then made this formal recommendation:

"Your committee, on the recommendation of the President to the House of Delegates, recommend the organization of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina with the appointment of Mrs. P. P. McCain of Sanatorium, North Carolina, as temporary chairman. We recommend that the ladies meet to organize Wednesday morning, April 18, 1923, at 10:30 A. M."

Signed: C. M. Van Poole, *Chairman*
H. M. S. Cason
D. A. Garrison
Paul H. Ringer
C. W. Banner.

With Mrs. P. P. McCain acting as chairman, the organizational meeting of the Auxiliary was held on the morning of April 18, 1923, in the ball-

room of the Kenilworth Inn in Asheville; ~~this was~~ at the time of the Seventieth Annual Meeting of the Medical Society. Mrs. S. C. Red, who was ~~by now~~ the first president of the National Auxiliary, made an address at this meeting discussing the value of such an organization. ~~The~~ proposed Constitution and By-Laws ^{were} presented, and after certain revisions, it was formally adopted by the fifty-three charter members present.

Officers elected were:

President	Mrs. P. P. McCain, Sanatorium
President-Elect	Mrs. I. W. Faison, Charlotte
Vice-President	Mrs. J. W. Long, Greensboro
Vice-President	Mrs. J. Howell Way, Waynesville
Vice-President	Mrs. J. Vance McGougan, Fayetteville
Vice-President	Mrs. R. S. McGeachy, Kinston
Recording Secretary	Mrs. J. A. Keiger, Greensboro
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. A. McBlair, Southern Pines
Treasurer	Mrs. W. L. Jackson, High Point
First District Councilor	Mrs. R. L. Kendricks, Elizabeth City
Second District Councilor	(no data available)
Third District Councilor	Mrs. J. Gerald Murphy, Wilmington
Fourth District Councilor	Mrs. K. C. Moore, Wilson
Fifth District Councilor	Mrs. T. C. Johnson, Lumberton
Sixth District Councilor	Mrs. B. J. Lawrence, Raleigh
Seventh District Councilor	Mrs. C. M. Strong, Charlotte
Eighth District Councilor	Mrs. H. Frank Starr, Greensboro
Ninth District Councilor	Mrs. A. A. Kent, Lenoir
Tenth District Councilor	Mrs. B. L. Ashworth, Marion

Greetings from the Medical Society were tendered by Dr. J. W. Long, president. Dr. L. B. McBrayer, secretary-treasurer, also attended the organizational meeting.

The original Constitution and By-Laws as adopted were:

Constitution

Article I — Name

The name of this association shall be the Woman's Auxiliary to the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina.

Article II — Object

The object of this Auxiliary shall be to promote unity, harmony, and concord between the members of the medical profession and between the

families of such members; to assist in the social activities at state, district, and county society meetings; to interpret to the public the traditions, aims, and objects of the medical profession; to fraternize with women's organizations of whatsoever kind: and to promote in every possible way the interests in general of the medical profession, locally, and in the state and nation.

Article III — Membership

The membership of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina shall be composed of the District Woman's Auxiliaries to the County Medical Societies.

Article IV — Officers

The officers of the Auxiliary shall be a President, a President-Elect, four Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer.

By-Laws

1. Duties of Officers

The duties of the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, and the Treasurer shall be those which usually devolve upon such officers.

2. Committees

The President and Executive Board shall have power to create such committees as become necessary to promote the welfare of the Auxiliary.

3. Meetings

All meetings of the Auxiliary and the Executive Board shall be conducted according to the regular order of business and parliamentary law which usually govern the conduct of such meetings.

4. Quorum

Seven members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

5. Amendments

These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Executive Board or at the annual meeting of the Auxiliary by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that such amendments do not conflict with the spirit of the Constitution.

This original Constitution and By-Laws adopted in 1923 was amended in 1923 and 1933 and was revised in 1932, 1936, 1942, 1945, 1946, 1948, 1949, 1955 and 1956. The present document has twelve full mimeographed pages.

For thirty-four years the objects of the Auxiliary have remained the same. The revised Constitution and By-Laws of 1956 reworded Article

II Section I as follows: "The objects of this organization shall be to interpret the aims of the medical profession to other organizations interested in the promotion of health education; to assist in the entertainment at the meetings of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina; to promote friendliness among the families of the medical profession; and to do such work as may be approved by the Advisory Committee of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina."

It was in 1930 that the North Carolina State Medical Society appointed an Advisory Committee to act in an advisory capacity to the Auxiliary. Many doctors in the state have served on this committee. Dr. Rachel Davis, of Kinston, served as chairman from 1944 - 1954. Since 1955 Dr. Roscoe D. McMillan has served as chairman of the committee.

Since this organization is an auxiliary to the North Carolina State Medical Society, its basic policies are determined by that organization. Although it has special projects that it promotes—some continuous and others of a yearly nature—these are all approved by the Advisory Committee from the Medical Society.

The State Auxiliary is also a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association. Each year the State President and/or the President-elect attends the national fall conference and the annual meeting. The National Auxiliary also promotes special projects which are handed down to the state level. These forwarded projects have been previously approved by the Advisory Council of the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association.

The state is divided into ten districts to correspond to those in the State Medical Society. Each district has a councilor appointed for a three year period by the president. The councilor presides at the annual district meeting of the Auxiliary which is held at the same time as the district Medical Society meeting. The councilor acts as a liaison officer between the county organizations and the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is composed of the elected officers and the organizing President of the Auxiliary.

The officers of the Auxiliary are a president, a president-elect (this office alternates between the eastern and western section of the state), a first vice-president (which is not an elective office but one filled automatically by the out-going president), a second vice-president, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer, and a parliamentarian. The organizing president, Mrs. Paul McCain, is the honorary president for life and has all of the privileges of an elected officer. Any elected state officer except the secretaries must have served previously on the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors consists of members of the Executive Committee, the councilors, the chairmen of all the committees and the past-presidents. The Board of Directors originally met four times per year, but since 1942 it has met bi-annually, once just prior to the annual meeting and the other at a fall meeting at the call of the president. The Executive Board may act on any emergency that arises between board meetings.

The House of Delegates, as the legislative and business body of the Auxiliary, was instituted in 1952. It is made up of the Board of Directors and a delegate for each twenty-five members (or fewer if the auxiliary is organized) of every component auxiliary. The House of Delegates meets annually to hear reports and to act on recommendations of the Board of Directors. All members of the Auxiliary may attend these sessions as guests.

The standing committees may be created by the Board of Directors, usually on recommendation of the National Auxiliary or the Advisory Council, as they are needed to promote the work of the Auxiliary.

The chairman of the Committee on Nominations is elected for one year only. The chairmen of the Committees on Awards and Press and Publicity are appointed by the president for one year only and may be reappointed. All other chairmen are appointed for a term of two years and may serve two consecutive terms.

In odd years the following chairmen are appointed:

- Civil Defense
- Doctor's Day
- Legislation
- Memorial
- Mental Health
- Program
- Public Relations
- Safety
- Radio, T. V., and Movies
- Today's Health*

In even years these chairmen are appointed:

- A. M. E. F.
- Auxiliary News
- Bulletin
- Historian
- Research
- Revisions
- Rural Health
- Scrapbook
- Nurse Recruitment

The second vice-president may appoint the chairmen for the Sanatoria Beds and the Student Loan Fund. These are appointed for a two-year period and may be reappointed for a consecutive term.

Meetings: The annual meeting of the Auxiliary has been held each year since its organization except in 1945, when the State Medical meeting was cancelled because of restrictions on travel.

The Board of Directors has the authority to transact all necessary business in the event of cancellation of an annual meeting.

The management and control of the Auxiliary between the annual

meetings is vested in the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors meets each year prior to the annual meeting to receive the reports of committees and officers and to formulate recommendations for the work of the coming year; it also meets in the fall of the year at the call of the president to present plans for the following year.

Membership: When the Constitution and By-Laws was amended in 1932, membership in the Auxiliary was composed of the wives, daughters, mothers, and sisters of members in good standing in the State Medical Society. Since the revision of the Constitution in 1956, membership is confined to wives and widows of members of the State Medical Society and may be restricted only upon instructions from the Advisory Committee of the Medical Society.

Besides this type of membership, additional membership classes are allowed:

- a. **Honorary Membership**—At any regular meeting of the House of Delegates, a member may be voted to honorary membership by majority vote, provided the name has been presented to and passed on at the fall Board Meeting. To be nominated, a member must have rendered distinguished service in the work of the Auxiliary. This member is entitled to all privileges of the Auxiliary and is exempt from payment of dues.

The Auxiliary has granted five such honorary memberships. All except Mrs. Judd, who served the organization as treasurer during 1934 and 1935 and from 1938 through 1954, have been past-presidents of the organization.

1956—Mrs. Paul P. McCain, Southern Pines

Mrs. Frederick R. Taylor, High Point

1957—Mrs. A. Byron Holmes, Fairmont

Mrs. William P. Knight, Greensboro

Mrs. E. Clarence Judd, Raleigh

- b. **Life Membership**—This applies to any member of the Auxiliary who has been a member of the Auxiliary continuously for thirty years and has paid dues during this time. She is entitled to all the privileges of the Auxiliary and is exempt from payment of dues. The State Auxiliary pays the national dues for the honorary and life memberships.

In 1957 the following received life memberships in the Auxiliary:

Mrs. Alexander C. Bulla, Raleigh

Mrs. Robert L. Murray, Raeford

Mrs. Paul A. Yoder, Winston-Salem

Life membership may be secured by any active member upon the payment of \$100.

By a unanimous vote County Auxiliaries may, at any time, elect honorary or life members in accordance with (a) and (b) above.

The County Auxiliary assumes responsibility for paying state and national dues for such members.

Upon the death of any doctor in good standing, his widow may, upon the payment of all dues, enjoy all the privileges of the Auxiliary.

Dues: The dues, \$1.00 per year for each member, were agreed upon at the Second Annual Meeting. Of this amount twenty-five cents was sent to National for each member, fifty cents was placed in the ~~Bed Fund~~, later called McCain Bed Fund, and twenty-five cents was placed in a fund to operate the organization.

In 1948, when the national dues were increased to \$1.00 per member, this Auxiliary subsequently increased its dues to \$2.00. The treasurer sends \$1.00 to National and keeps \$1.00 in a general fund to defray expenses of the Auxiliary. Prior to 1956, one-half (fifty cents) of each individual's state dues was allotted to the various Memorial Bed Funds.

Yearbook and Seal: When Mrs. W. B. Murphy was president in 1930-31, she issued a book of suggestions for County Auxiliaries. There were eight five-dollar awards listed in the book.

In 1946 Mrs. Eric Bell, of Wilson, was president and had the first yearbook printed. In 1947 when Mrs. Taylor was president, her husband Dr. Frederick Taylor, designed an appropriate sketch for the cover of the yearbook. Incorporated in the design is the motto "Service to Others." This design was later adopted as a permanent emblem or seal of the Auxiliary. This seal is now used on all Auxiliary programs and stationery.

The yearbook is revised and brought up to date each year by the current president. It covers a wide scope of material, a calendar of meetings, a list of officers, county, state and national level, and committee chairmen with comments regarding their projects. A copy of this yearbook is sent to all state officers, councilors, chairmen, and county presidents.

Handbook: A committee was appointed during the presidency of Mrs. Harvey C. May to develop a handbook. Their work is as yet incomplete.

President's Pin: Although the idea for a President's Pin was introduced at the annual meeting in 1955 and passed at the annual meeting in 1957, it was at the Thirty-fourth Annual Meeting held in Asheville that Dr. Donald Koonce, president of the State Medical Society, presented to each past-president or a representative of her family a pin in recognition of service. The pin has one-half caduceus and letters. This pin will be presented to each succeeding president of the State Auxiliary.

Fields of Endeavor

Permanent Projects

I. Sanatoria Beds

At the annual meeting in 1928, the Auxiliary first voted to maintain a bed at the State Sanatorium for tuberculosis. There are four beds known as the McCain, the Stevens, the Cooper, and the Yoder Beds. The Auxiliary maintains these beds in four tuberculosis sanatoria in the state. They are maintained for the courtesy use of and in this order: a doctor suffering from the disease, a member of a doctor's family, a nurse, a child, or any other patient in need of assistance.

These beds are endowed with a principal sum of \$10,000 for each bed. As of 1957 all of the beds except the Yoder Bed have reached the endowment goal. Funds for these goals come from contributions by local auxiliaries and individuals; and previous to 1956, 50 per cent of all individual State Auxiliary dues went toward the endowment and maintenance of these beds. In 1955 it was determined that the interest and other income from the investments of the various endowments was quite sufficient to operate the beds. Some patients, who have occupied these beds in the various sanatoria, have contributed to these funds although the Auxiliary does not solicit such or necessarily expect them to contribute.

For the continuous maintenance of one patient, fifty cents per day, the minimum fee, is paid to the hospital from these funds. Patients occupying these beds are remembered each month by a specific Auxiliary with gifts, cards, and magazines.

a. **McCain Bed:** This bed was established in 1928 in North Carolina Sanatorium at Sanatorium, North Carolina. At the annual meeting in 1934 it was named the "McCain Bed" in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Presley McCain. The first occupant of this bed was admitted September 15, 1928. To-date (September, 1957) a total of twenty-nine patients have occupied this bed for a total of 10,515 hospital days. The McCain Endowment Fund is now \$11,500. In 1951 the goal of \$10,000 was reached.

b. **Stevens Bed:** The Stevens Bed was established in the Western Sanatorium at Black Mountain in 1940. This bed is named in honor of Dr. Martin L. Stevens, who served that section of the state long and faithfully in the field of tuberculosis. The first patient was admitted November, 1940. To-date, January 29, 1958, a total of twenty

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figure.

bed
patients have occupied this bed 5,609 hospital days. The \$10,000 endowment for this bed was accomplished in 1952. At present the Martin L. Stevens Endowment Fund totals \$10,500.

- c. **Cooper Bed:** This bed was established in 1944 in the Eastern North Carolina Sanatorium at Wilson. This bed is named for Dr. George Marion Cooper, a pioneer and leader for many years in the field of public health in the state. The bed has been occupied most of the time since it was established. To date, September 1957, fifteen people have occupied the bed a total of 3,701 hospital days. The \$10,000 for this fund was fully subscribed by the annual meeting in 1955.
- d. **Yoder Bed:** The Yoder Bed, located in the Gravelly Sanatorium, Chapel Hill, was named in 1955 for Dr. Paul Allison Yoder, who practiced medicine at the Forsyth County Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Winston-Salem. The first patient was admitted in September, 1955. This bed to date (September, 1957) has been occupied by five people for a total of 590 hospital days. As of September, 1957, this fund has a total of \$5,842.74 toward its \$10,000 endowment goal.

II. The Student Loan Fund

The Student Loan Fund, the second major project, was proposed and begun in May, 1930. Its purpose was to provide for the education of doctors' children who by some circumstance would need a temporary loan. Monies for this fund were to be derived from voluntary contributions from each county Auxiliary. In 1933 this fund was made available to children of North Carolina doctors. The loan was limited to \$100 for each of two years to any one individual, and the loan plus 6 per cent interest was to be repaid one year after the student graduated. Each applicant was to be endorsed by the county Auxiliary and Medical Society. In 1935-36 this fund was limited to students in their junior and senior years. The interest rate was reduced to 5 per cent, and even the 5 per cent was not to be charged if the note was paid on maturity. Eight loans, sixty to two hundred dollars, were made to five individuals. These loans were all repaid by March, 1946. In 1952 the amount of the loan was increased to \$500 for any student in his junior or senior year. There was no request for a loan from 1941 - 1955.

In the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws in 1955, this loan fund was reactivated, making it available "to worthy individuals for use in their junior and senior years of their study and training in medicine, nursing, and allied fields." All loans are subject to approval by the Executive Committee and the Advisory Committee of the State Medical Society. All notes, given as security for the loans, mature in three years after which a 3 per cent interest rate is added. Since 1955 four people have secured loans of from \$225 - \$500. The total assets in the Student Loan Fund are \$2,566.80, of which \$1,566.80 is cash, and the balance is invested.

It is the hope of those who have worked with this fund and with the students who have used it, that its usefulness will be projected far into the future.

Ancillary Projects

1. Health Education

It is difficult to measure the great amount of work done by the Auxiliary in connection with health education. In 1930 the Medical Advisory Board approved the Auxiliary's plan for a constructive health program. In the early years the emphasis of the health program was on the circulation of *Hygeia*, study groups, radio programs, the fight against tuberculosis, and the support of health bills before the General Assembly.

The Auxiliary has continued to broaden its program in health education. During the last decade or two, cooperation has been given to the so-called health agencies of national character, such as The American Heart Association, The American Cancer Society, The National Tuberculosis Association, The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The members have worked closely with The American National Red Cross, especially in the Red Cross program relating to the blood bank, and the programs in home nursing and first aid. There have been many other national and local health agencies that have benefited from the individual work of Auxiliary members. During the poliomyelitis epidemic of 1944, which was rampant in certain sections of the state, many Auxiliaries and their members did yeoman work. Support and assistance were also given in later years to the gamma globulin and Salk vaccine mass clinics.

In numerous areas over the state, members of the Auxiliary have promoted the organization of and participated in the work of hospital auxiliaries. In doing this work they have contributed linens, furnished rooms in the hospitals or in the nurses' homes, manned canteens, and in some instances have set up a library service for the patients domiciled in the hospital.

The mental health program, begun in the summer of 1953 with Mrs. Thomas Lacy, of Morganton, as chairman, has been assisted by the Auxiliary as an organization and by its individual members in numerous ways. Many have served as volunteers in mental hospitals, clinics, and special schools. Legislation dealing with mental health has been publicized and promoted by the Auxiliary. A dissemination of the magazine *Today's Health* and the pamphlet *Milestones for Marriage* has been further work of the Auxiliary along this line. Concentrated effort has been given to the recruitment of personnel in the field of mental health. In fact, the impetus of active and thoughtful participation by the Auxiliaries in the development of good mental health programs has been felt throughout the state of North Carolina.

The educational program for the promotion of safety, with Mrs. Lacy J. Parsons of Lumberton as its first chairman, is a more recent project of this organization. This program has been divided into safety in traffic, safety in the home, and safety in the school. Assistance was asked of the Auxiliary by the safety program chairman for driver training courses in high schools; for the promotion of safety equipment to be constructed in

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automobiles; and for state legislation requiring chemical tests for intoxication when there is a question of a driver's incompetency.

The Medical Society of the State of North Carolina appointed its first committee on Rural Health and Education in 1946. The Auxiliary adopted the Rural Health and Education project and in 1952 appointed the first chairman, Mrs. J. E. Wright, of Macclesfield. The state chairman and the county chairmen are urged to attend the annual State Rural Health Conference each fall. This meeting brings together all lay organizations interested in better health services and practices, and is sponsored by the Medical Society. Auxiliary members have cooperated with local medical organizations in promoting ~~a~~ similar conference in their districts and local areas. There is evidence that through these group meetings, which encourage discussion of family and health problems, the health standards of the state have been raised. This has been accomplished through the exchange of ideas for ~~the~~ improving ~~of~~ local health conditions, services, facilities, and practices. The Auxiliary recognizes that this is a continuing long-range program of education, having as one of its objectives ~~the~~ convincing ~~of~~ each family in the state that it should have a family physician.

Beginning in 1957, the county Auxiliaries cooperated with the Florence Crittenton Home and The Eye Bank for Restoring Sight, Inc. Many ~~counties had programs covering the work of these two organizations; assisted in publicizing the work of each; and in some instances, gave financial assistance to them.~~

2. Publications

a. *Today's Health* (formerly *Hygeia* until 1950)

In 1932 the Auxiliary followed the recommendation of the National Auxiliary in adopting as one of its chief activities the promotion and distribution of *Hygeia*, the authentic health magazine published by the American Medical Association. An effort is being made to place this magazine in all schools, libraries, doctors' and dentists' offices. Through the years this publication has also been a source of revenue for some local groups who sell subscriptions.

Some figures for this are:

1946—*Hygeia*— 80

1948—*Hygeia*—231

1950—*Hygeia*—258

1953—*Today's Health*—272

1955—*Today's Health*—764

1957—*Today's Health*—679

b. *Bulletin*

This project was added to the other projects of the Auxiliary during the year 1950, with Mrs. Ben Kendall, of Shelby, as the first appointed chairman. During that year nineteen subscriptions were sold, and by 1956-57 the number of subscriptions sold had risen to fifty. The object was to solicit more subscriptions to the quarterly "Bulletin," the official publication of the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association. This publication deals with the activities of the Auxiliary on a national

basis, and therefore it is of value to all Auxiliary members, especially those who hold offices in the state organization.

c. Auxiliary News

This quarterly news sheet is sponsored by the Public Relations Department of Hospital Saving Association in Chapel Hill and is mailed to Auxiliary members who are in good standing. The purpose of this publication is to keep the members of the Auxiliary informed of the work done by the Auxiliary on a state, district, and county level; as such it has served as a medium of exchange for ideas. Mrs. William S. Joyner, chairman of this project for 1957-58, ~~has~~ stated that the prime purpose of the Auxiliary News is to keep the members informed about the three "P's" of the state officers and state chairmen—their problems, their programs, and their policies.

When the project was established in 1952, Mrs. C. A. McNeill, Jr., of Elkin, was the first chairman.

3. Nurse Recruitment

When the shortage of graduate nurses became apparent following World War II, the Auxiliary adopted another project—the nurse recruitment program. Mrs. John Reese, of Morganton, was the first chairman of this program in the year 1952-53. Almost every organized county Auxiliary participates in some manner in promoting interest among high school students in entering the nursing profession. Some of the activities in this field have been organizing "Future Nurses Clubs" in high schools, giving teas, and scheduling tours of hospitals for interested high school students. Other means for creating interest among high school students have been radio programs, talks by qualified persons, and the distribution of appropriate authorized printed material pertaining to nursing. Each year more of the county Auxiliaries give financial assistance through a loan or a scholarship to students who wish to study nursing. ~~The 1957 annual report showed that the county organizations were given financial support to thirty-five students of nursing. Besides this, the eighth district set up a loan fund for students of nursing, and the Past-Presidents Club has given scholarships to two student nurses—one in 1949 and one in 1956.~~

(In 1951 in cooperation with the North Carolina Medical Society, the North Carolina Medical Care Commission, and the University of North Carolina, financial support was given to the publication of a pamphlet on "Nursing and Nursing Education in North Carolina.")

(In the last two years this program ~~has been~~ ^{was} expanded to include the allied medical careers.)

4. Legislation

In order that Auxiliary members could ~~continue to~~ ^{about and} be informed and so that they might assist in interpreting the benefits of constructive health legislation laws to the general public, a state Chairman of Legislation was appointed in 1939. This division was established as a result of a request

of the Advisory Committee of the Medical Society in helping to alert the Auxiliary members and the general public to the benefits or the hazards of currently proposed medical legislative matters.

The county Auxiliaries throughout the state have worked constructively and effectively for the passage of legislation that is designed to improve public health. The Medical Society gave this organization much praise for its assistance in bringing about the enactment of certain health laws in the state during 1939. Through the efforts of this committee, members of the Auxiliary have become better informed regarding the intricacies of politics. Registration and voting by all eligible members of the family have been strongly urged. Members are encouraged to know their senators and representatives on a state level. Too, they have learned the importance of communicating with them. In 1944 all members worked for the defeat of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill.

In general, the Auxiliary has followed the program on national health as promoted by the American Medical Association. The Auxiliary has assisted in educating the public to the advantages of voluntary pre-payment medical care plans as opposed to the alternate plan of compulsory health insurance on a governmental level.

The high school essay contest, sponsored by the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons and promoted locally by twenty counties during 1957, has served as a means of informing high school students of the dangers of socialized medicine and all of its consequences. The "A. M. A. Washington News Letter" is sent each week to the county chairman on legislation and has been a means of keeping each group informed as to current and proposed congressional matters in the medical field.

Support is being given during the years 1957-58 to bills H. R. 9 and H. R. 10. These bills call for a program of setting aside during each taxable year a certain sum of money for the purpose of retirement income. These bills would give the same rights to physicians, lawyers, and other self-employed persons as are presently granted to employees of corporations. The money which will be set aside is not to be taxable in the year earned but will be taxed when it is used for the purpose for which it was set aside; i.e., in the retirement years when the individual's income is lower.

5. Civil Defense

Mrs. George Harrell, of Winston-Salem, served as the first chairman of the Civil Defense Committee in the year 1951-52. Almost all active Auxiliaries in the state have had some contact with the local civil defense authorities. They not only have had a program on civil defense by a qualified speaker, but have offered their cooperation in carrying out the civil defense program in their area. Many hours of volunteer service have been given to sky-watching, bloodmobile, and the distribution of pamphlets on atomic radiation and "Grandma's Pantry." Members of the Auxiliary have gone on record as favoring to continue their efforts in the Emergency Food Storage Plan and to place a first aid kit in every member's home and car. The Auxiliaries that are active in this program participate in National Defense Week.

When the special conference for Women Leaders of the South Atlantic States met in Charlotte in 1957 for the purpose of presenting, ~~by top-ranking specialists~~, the latest and best civil defense information ~~as prescribed by the government~~, Mrs. Harvey May represented the Auxiliary.

6. War Service

It would be impossible to tell the complete story of the war service record of the Auxiliary members. In 1941 the first National Defense chairman, Mrs. Thomas Leslie Lee, of Kinston, was appointed. The main programs were "Aid to Britain," cooperating with the Medical Society in giving aid to the Medical and Surgical Relief Committee of America, and collecting all surgical instruments and medical supplies possible. In 1944 the chairman for National Defense was discontinued and chairmen for War Participation and for Medical Officers' Wives were appointed. Approximately \$3,000 was raised through the sale of "Mercy Emblems" and through outside contributions. This money was used to purchase for the small doctorless boats of the Navy and Coast Guard emergency medical kits costing \$25.00 each. A battle dressing station was presented to the U. S. S. Fremont at the cost of \$325. By assisting in Red Cross, War Bond Sales, hospitals, United Service Organization, and many other types of work, all doctors' wives in the state kept a full schedule of community service. The 1944 report shows that 210 women gave 113,355 hours to War Participation work during that year. In 1946 the Wake County Auxiliary received a plaque for selling more "E" Bonds than any other woman's organization ~~sold~~. The Auxiliary received the Treasury Award for Patriotic Service.

7. American Medical Education Foundation

The American Medical Education Foundation was established in 1951 by the American Medical Association and is dedicated to the private support of medical education in this country. Contributions may be earmarked for a specific medical school or designated as "In Memoriam." Mrs. Leyard Decamp, of Charlotte, served as the first chairman of this project in 1952. On March 30, Doctor's Day, some county organizations contribute to this fund in honor of their physician husbands. ~~Since 1952,~~ members of the State Auxiliary ~~have~~ contributed \$2,711.60 to the American Medical Education Foundation.

Affiliation With Southern Medical Auxiliary

Possibly as an outgrowth of the meeting of the Southern Medical Association and its Auxiliary in Asheville in November, 1928, certain affiliations between the North Carolina Auxiliary and the Southern Medical Auxiliary were subsequently begun. The councilor from this Auxiliary to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Southern Medical Association is automatically a member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina organization.

Three projects promoted by the Southern Medical Auxiliary have been adopted by the North Carolina group. The chairmen of these projects; namely, Research, Doctor's Day, and the Jane Todd Crawford Memorial, have as their chief duties the promotion and interpretation of their respective projects to the members and component parts of the North Carolina Auxiliary.

1. Jane Todd Crawford Memorial

Mrs. W. P. Knight, president in 1932, appointed Mrs. Frank Sharpe, of Greensboro, to serve as the first chairman. A silver offering was collected at each state meeting, and this was sent to the chairman of the fund of the Southern Medical Auxiliary. In later years the county Auxiliaries contributed to this fund through their state chairman.

December 13 is Jane Todd Crawford Day. A monument to her memory has been erected in McDowell Park, Danville, Kentucky. Through the efforts of the members of the Auxiliary of our state and other states that make up Southern Medical Auxiliary, there is near Greensburg, Kentucky, a Jane Todd Crawford Memorial Highway; and in Greensburg, Kentucky, there is a Jane Todd Crawford Library. *For several years*

More recently the fund has been used to send gift subscriptions of the *Southern Medical Journal* to all resident doctors in southern hospitals; however, this is to be discontinued in 1958. The State Auxiliary did not continue the appointment of a chairman for the Crawford Memorial after 1955.

2. Research

A chairman for Research was appointed in 1933. Mrs. Foy Roberson, of Durham, served as chairman until 1935. The purpose of this committee is two fold. First, the committee is to serve with other members of the Auxiliary in gathering together from this state good medical papers to be filed in the lending library of the Southern Medical Auxiliary. Second, the committee is to document medical history by investigating lives of medical heroes in the state.

This project continues to grow, and many papers of historical importance concerning some of the noted physicians in the state have been prepared and filed; numerous articles have been written on health projects that have been sponsored by a local Auxiliary in cooperation with other groups in specific areas. Sampson County has recently published a book which is composed of short biographical sketches of 196 physicians who have either practiced medicine in the county or who were born in the county and are practicing elsewhere (since the year 1736).

3. Doctor's Day

Doctor's Day, March 30, is observed each year by local organizations. It is a project of Southern Medical Auxiliary, founded to honor physicians, both living and dead. This date was chosen to honor Dr. Crawford Long, of Georgia, who on March 30, 1842, first used ether as an anesthetic.

The official flower for this occasion is the red carnation. In 1957 at the annual convention an official emblem was adopted. This emblem was

designed and executed by Mrs. Rod M. Buie, Jr., in collaboration with Mrs. Marshall G. Morris, Jr. This emblem has three red carnations placed at the top to represent faith, hope, and courage; it also has a gold caduceus, a symbol of the high ideals of the medical profession.

Representation In Other State Organizations

1. The North Carolina Council of Women

This Council, which was organized in 1952, holds a Leadership Training Workshop each year for delegates from the many organizations that make up the Council. The Auxiliary, a charter member, has two members appointed to represent its interest on this Council.

2. North Carolina Family Life Council

In 1954 Mrs. Hila R. Stratten represented the Auxiliary when this group met with the Southeastern Conference on Family Living in Asheville. Its objectives are the sponsoring of Family Living Courses in all high schools in the state and the establishing of receiving homes for juvenile offenders. Each year the president appoints a member to represent the Auxiliary in this organization.

3. North Carolina Mental Health Association

The chairman of Mental Health of the Auxiliary serves as the representative to this organization. ^{Chairman} She also serves as liaison between the North Carolina Mental Health Association and the county chairman of Mental Health.

4. North Carolina Health Council

The Auxiliary has been represented ~~since 1956~~ by two representatives appointed by the president.

5. The Advisory Committee to the Medical Society Committee on Rural Health and Education

The chairman on Rural Health has ^served this group since 1956.

6. North Carolina League for Nursing (1956)

Since 1956 the Nurse Recruitment chairman represents the Auxiliary at their annual meetings.

7. Eye Bank for Restoring Sight, Inc. (1956)

The president appoints a ~~representative~~ member for this project.

8. Florence Crittenton Home (1956)

A representative is appointed by the president each year.

Miscellaneous Committees

Exhibit Chairman

In 1934 Mrs. Sidney Smith, of Raleigh, was appointed the first exhibit chairman. The ~~duty of this chairman~~ was to be responsible for a yearly ^{her duty}

exhibit from the Auxiliary at each annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association. Mrs. C. B. Davis, of Wilmington, was the last person to serve as chairman—1942-43.

Scrapbook

In 1936 Mrs. C. D. Thomas, of Sanatorium, was appointed the first scrapbook chairman. A record has been kept of newspaper clippings and programs of local, district, and state meetings since this time. This record is displayed by the chairman at the annual meetings. With increased activity, this chairman has set up scrapbooks in each of the ten districts that make up the state, thus making it simple for any member to look up the clippings of a specific group.

Memorial Chairman

This division, whose purpose is to keep a list of all deceased members and direct a memorial service annually for the deceased members, was established in 1934, with Mrs. Isaac Manning as the first chairman.

Public Relations

The Advisory Committee suggested in 1932 that the Auxiliary members, through their membership in other organizations, were in key positions to help interpret the aims and objectives of the Medical Society to the general public, and recommended that they do so. Mrs. J. A. McClelland, of Maxton, was appointed the first chairman of this committee. ~~In line with the policies established by the Auxiliary, its members have~~ continued over the years to be ever mindful of their duty in public relations, not only as members of other organizations but also as individuals.

Press and Publicity

This committee, with Mrs. P. P. McCain serving as chairman, was created in 1934, to publicize the activities of the Auxiliary through the general press, as well as the National, Southern, and State Medical publications. In 1939, Mrs. J. Sidbury compiled data on the Auxiliary for the use of the National Chairman of Press and Publicity. This data was incorporated in a book by the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Medical Association. In local and state papers, by radio and television, and in the "Auxiliary News," the county publicity chairmen have cooperated with the state chairman in presenting the work and achievements of their groups.

Radio and Movies

This state chairman, with the cooperation of the corresponding chairman of the national Auxiliary and a committee of the American Medical Association, keeps informed as to the ever growing list of films and radio programs relating to health education. Many county organizations use these films for programs within their groups and make them available for civic organizations. Most county Auxiliaries sponsor a radio program, either on Nurse Recruitment or Doctor's Day. In 1956 and 1957 several county organizations had television programs with emphasis on the health-sponsored projects of their group.

Program Chairman

The purpose of ~~having a chairman of~~ this committee was to create a center of information for County Auxiliaries to help them to plan programs and to supply materials for these programs. Mrs. Frederick Taylor, of High Point, was appointed the first chairman in 1937 and served through 1940.

The programs recommended by the state chairman vary, depending on the projects or problems being emphasized by the Advisory Committee and the National Auxiliary. Some of the programs during the early years of the Auxiliary were on the following: "Mothers Aid Work," legislation on health bills, State Board of Health, Student Loan Fund, tuberculosis, and *Hygeia*. In the forties, program emphasis was on philanthropy, education, health laws, and dissemination of appropriate medical knowledge to the lay public. With the advent of the Second World War, programs pertained to the war effort; such as, War Bond promotions, National Defense, assistance to the Red Cross; the giving of moral support to the physicians and the families of those physicians who had been called to the armed forces. *of the fifties*

During ~~this~~ decade the Auxiliary combated in every way possible the varied propaganda and proposed legislation which had as its eventual aim the socialization of medicine; for instance, the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill.

As a result of the necessity for more coherent action and the obvious need of more support from an organization which would speak for the common good of the physician and his family, the doctors' wives over the state developed in the late forties a renewed interest in and support of the activities of the Auxiliary. This awakening of responsibility led to the healthy growth of the Auxiliary in the 1950's.

The majority of the county units vary their programs during the year by balancing matters of local interest with those on the state level. In the 1950's program emphasis was placed on the following: Public Relations, Health Education, promotion of "Today's Health," Rural Health, Doctor's Insurance Plan, Recruitment of Student Nurses, Civil Defense, A. M. E. F., Safety, Mental Health, Florence Crittenton Home. All programs stress cooperation with all existing health agencies.

Gifts and Awards

In this section a few of the highlights in this category are listed:

1929—When she addressed the Annual State Auxiliary Convention at Greensboro during this year, Mrs. Allen H. Bunce, of Atlanta, president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association, presented a gavel to the State Auxiliary President, Mrs. A. B. Holmes, and to Mrs. C. Hudson, president of the Guilford County Medical Auxiliary.

1930—Eight five-dollar gold pieces, given by various interested members, were offered to members, county auxiliaries, or districts that ex-

celled in a specific project.

1931—Mrs. Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, and Mrs. Will Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, each contributed \$100 to the Student Loan Fund.

1933—Mrs. P. P. McCain established a five-dollar annual award (discontinued in 1950) to the county organization contributing the largest amount to the McCain Bed Fund.

1937—Dr. J. S. Johnson contributed \$350 to the Sanatoria Bed Fund.

1938—Twenty-five dollars was given to the McCain Bed Fund by Dr. Donnell and Mr. W. H. Cobb as a memorial to Mrs. W. H. Cobb. Mrs. S. D. Craig gave \$100 to the McCain Bed Fund.

1943—During this year, Dr. Rachel Davis, chairman of the Advisory Committee from the State Medical Society, established an annual award of a silver cup and \$25.00 in cash which was to be given to the district of the Auxiliary judged first in achievement for that year. Should the cup be won by any one district for three consecutive years, it then became the property of that district group. The first cup was retired by the Fourth District in 1951. The second Davis Achievement Cup was retired in 1954 when the Eighth District won it. The following year Dr. Davis established a different type of award, which was two twenty-five dollar annual awards given on a formula established by the board for auxiliary achievement. This program was discontinued in 1957.

1943—Mrs. Stevens contributed \$25.00 to the Stevens Bed Fund.

1946—Mrs. J. T. Burris, of High Point, donated \$100 to the McCain Endowment Fund.

1951—A memorial fund in memory of Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee was established, and the money contributed was to be used to buy a "stack" on gynecology and obstetrics. These books were to be placed in the Medical Society's proposed medical library. The amount in the fund, \$75.00, was ultimately given to the Library of the Medical School of the University of North Carolina for the purchase of books as a memorial to Dr. Lee.

Numerous other donations, cash awards, and prizes for achievement have been made by members of the Auxiliary, interested physicians, and others over these many years. The majority of these have been five-dollar amounts given by individuals for some specific purpose. Since these donations have been handled outside of the treasury, there is no accurate record of the donors or the amounts. For this reason any attempt at listing them would certainly lead to the slighting of some individual; therefore, none are listed herein. The scrapbooks kept over the years are a good source of information for identification of some of these items.

Presidents

1923-	Mrs. Paul P. McCain, Southern Pines
1923-1924	Mrs. Paul P. McCain, Southern Pines
1924-1925	*Mrs. I. W. Faison, Charlotte
1925-1926	*Mrs. J. Howell Way, Waynesville
1926-1927	*Mrs. R. S. McGeachey, New Bern
1927-1928	Mrs. B. J. Lawrence, Raleigh
1928-1929	Mrs. A. B. Holmes, Fairmont
1929-1930	Mrs. G. H. Macon, Warrenton
1930-1931	Mrs. W. B. Murphy, Snow Hill
1931-1932	*Mrs. R. S. McGeachey, New Bern
1932-1933	Mrs. W. P. Knight, Greensboro
1933-1934	*Mrs. J. W. Huston, Asheville
1934-1935	*Mrs. J. B. Sidbury, Wilmington
1935-1936	Mrs. C. P. Eldridge, Raleigh
1936-1937	Mrs. J. R. Terry, Lexington
1937-1938	Mrs. W. T. Rainey, Fayetteville
1938-1939	*Mrs. Joseph A. Elliott, Charlotte
1939-1940	Mrs. C. F. Strosnider, Goldsboro
1940-1941	Mrs. Clyde Hedrick, Lenoir
1941-1942	Mrs. Sidney Smith, Raleigh
1942-1943	Mrs. R. A. Moore, Winston-Salem
1943-1944	Mrs. K. B. Pace, Greenville
1944-1945	Mrs. J. T. Saunders, Asheville
1945-1946	Mrs. Eric Bell, Wilson
1946-1947	Mrs. Frederick Taylor, High Point
1947-1948	Mrs. W. Reese Berryhill, Chapel Hill
1948-1949	Mrs. Raymond Thompson, Charlotte
1949-1950	Mrs. Thomas Leslie Lee, Kinston
1950-1951	Mrs. Harry L. Johnson, Elkin
1951-1952	Mrs. B. Watson Roberts, Durham
1952-1953	Mrs. Roscoe D. McMillan, Red Springs
1953-1954	Mrs. Gilbert M. Billings, Morganton
1954-1955	Mrs. Powell G. Fox, Raleigh
1955-1956	Mrs. Robert D. Croom, Jr., Maxton
1956-1957	Mrs. Harvey C. May, Charlotte
1957-1958	Mrs. Donnie Royal, Salemburg
1958-1959	Mrs. Paul W. Johnson, Winston-Salem (President-Elect)
Deceased (*)	

County Auxiliaries

County	Date Organized	Membership	
		Initial	1957
1. Alamance-Caswell	1931 —reorganized 1949	21	42
2. Ashe	1957 (Ashe-Watauga prior to 1957)	7	7
3. Beaufort	1932 —reorganized 1950	16	17
4. Bertie-Herford-Gates	1955 (First district prior to 1955 which also included Chowan-Perquimans, Pasquo- tank-Camden-Currituck-Dare)	18	19
5. Bladen	1932 —reorganized 1957	11	11
6. Buncombe	1930 —reorganized 1943	24	131
7. Burke	1948		36
8. Cabarrus	1954	29	42
9. Caldwell	1935 —reorganized 1944	12	25
10. Carteret	1948	13	15
11. Catawba	1950	11	37
12. Chowan-Perquimans	1954	8	10
13. Cleveland	1957	22	22
14. Columbus	1949	17	19
15. Craven	1939	13	24
16. Cumberland	1929 —reorganized 1948	25	57
17. Durham-Orange	1930 —reorganized 1944	56	156
18. Edgecombe-Nash	1946	32	34
19. Forsythe-Stokes	1937 (Stokes joined in 1952)	51	145
20. Franklin	1952	11	disbanded
21. Gaston	1947	17	64
22. Guilford	1928 —reorganized 1950 (High Point and Greensboro Branches in 1953)	42	168
23. Halifax-Northampton	1942	23	23
24. Harnett	1946	14	15
25. Haywood	1952		22
26. Henderson	1953	25	24
27. Hoke	1927 —reorganized 1944		7

County	Date Organized	Membership	
		Initial	1957
28. Iredell-Alexander	1948		34
29. Johnston	1946	25	19
30. Lee	1949	12	11
31. Lenoir	1932 —reorganized 1944	14	12
32. Lincoln	1952	14	12
33. Martin-Washington-Tyrell	1948		12
34. Mecklenburg	1934	37	206
35. Moore			23
36. New Hanover-Pender-Brunswick	1928 (Pender and Brunswick joined in 1939)	32	60
37. Onslow	1932 —reorganized 1951	9	14
38. Pasquotank-Camden-Currituck-Dare	1955	19	9
39. Person	1935 —reorganized 1952	6	12
40. Pitt	1932 —reorganized 1942	17	41
41. Richmond	1946	19	23
42. Robeson	1932 —reorganized 1944	17	44
43. Rockingham	1942	23	31
44. Rowan-Davie	1932 —reorganized 1948	36	56
45. Rutherford	1957	18	18
46. Sampson	1927 —reorganized 1950	7	15
47. Scotland	1946	13	15
48. Stanley	1957	30	30
49. Surry-Yadkin	1947		25
50. Union	1957	12	12
51. Wake	1927	18	126
52. Warren	1955	9	9
53. Watauga	1957	11	11
54. Wayne	1936		35
55. Wilkes-Alleghany			26
56. Wilson	1943	23	26
Members-at-large			66
		TOTAL	2,212

Microscopic View of the Organization

Date	Place of Meeting	President	Auxiliaries	Members	Outstanding Events
1923	Asheville	Mrs. P. P. McCain (organizing chairman)	—	53	Constitution and By-Laws adopted. Named "Woman's Auxiliary to the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina."
1924	Raleigh	Mrs. P. P. McCain	—	—	Mrs. T. W. Bickett speaker—"Mothers Aid Work in N. C.". Dues set at \$1.00 per year.
1925	Pinehurst	Mrs. J. W. Faison	—	—	Social side of Auxiliary stressed.
1926	Wrightsville Beach	Mrs. J. Howell Way	—	—	Efforts to establish more county units.
1927	Durham	Mrs. R. S. McGeachy	10-12	—	To organize more county units.
1928	Pinehurst	Mrs. B. J. Lawrence	14	66	Auxiliary to maintain a bed at State Sanatorium (McCain). Hoke County 100 per cent membership.
1929	Greensboro	Mrs. A. B. Holmes	23	—	Constitution revised. Mrs. Allen Bunce, President of Southern Auxiliary spoke on "Student Loan". 5th District won \$5 gold piece award. 125 present at meeting.
1930	Pinehurst	Mrs. J. H. Macon	25	—	Advisory Committee from the Medical Society to act as advisors to the auxiliary.
1931	Durham	Mrs. W. B. Murphy	23	344	Dr. Fishbein gave the main address. \$642 raised toward \$10,000 loan fund.

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1932	Winston-Salem	Mrs. R. S. McGeachy	32	365	Constitution revised. \$795.85 in Loan Fund. Standing Committees: Press and Publicity, Public Relations and Hygeia. Mrs. Walter J. Freeman. President of National Auxiliary gave the main address.
1933	Raleigh	Mrs. W. P. Knight	—	259	Historian named—Mrs. J. Keiger. Jane Todd Crawford Memorial Chairman appointed. By-Laws amended. Loan fund made active.
1934	Pinehurst	Mrs. J. W. Huston	16	238	Speakers: Mrs. J. Blake, National President and Mrs. Southgate Leigh, President of Southern Auxiliary. Scrapbook started.
1935	Pinehurst	Mrs. J. Buren Sidbury	—	349	Naming of McCain Bed. Endowment Fund started for bed.
1936	Asheville	Mrs. C. P. Eldridge	—	—	Name changed to "Auxiliary to the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina."
1937	Winston-Salem	Mrs. J. R. Terry	18	—	District plan emphasized. Dr. J. S. Johnson, former patient McCain bed, refunded \$350. 150 registered at meeting.
1938	Pinehurst	Mrs. W. T. Rainey	—	—	Auxiliary voted a life membership for Mrs. P. P. McCain. \$100 gift by Mrs. S. D. Craig to McCain Bed Fund.
1939	Bermuda	Mrs. J. A. Elliott	—	423	Public Relations stressed. Endorsed Immunization bill.

Date	Place of Meeting	President	Auxiliaries	Members	Outstanding Events
1940	Pinehurst	Mrs. C. F. Strosnider	15	605	Supported bill before legislature requiring examination for marriage license. Voted to maintain bed at Western N. C. Sanatorium (Stevens)
1941	Pinehurst	Mrs. C. R. Hedrick	11	465	Bed at Western Sanatorium named "Martin L. Stevens Bed". Mailing list of doctors wives in the state compiled.
1942	Charlotte	Mrs. Sidney Smith	17	718	\$718 realized from sale of Mercy Emblems for Emergency Medical Field Kits.
1943	Raleigh	Mrs. R. A. Moore	18	685	\$1,046. raised for Medical and Surgical Relief Committee; members active in war work.
1944	Pinehurst	Mrs. K. B. Pace	21	785	Dr. Rachel Davis gave a loving cup and check for \$125. \$25 with the cup to be awarded to district accomplishing the most. 6th District won cup. \$1,157.30 raised for Medical and Surgical Relief Committee. Voted to maintain bed at Eastern N. C. Sanatorium (Cooper).
1945	No annual meeting Board Meeting—Raleigh	Mrs. J. T. Saunders	21	660	Study of Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill. Revision of Constitution and By-Laws. Bed at Eastern Sanatorium named.
1946	Pinehurst	Mrs. Eric Bell	28	922	First printed year book of Auxiliary. Medical Legislation stressed.

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1947	Virginia Beach	Mrs. Frederick R. Taylor	30	1004	Dr. Fred Taylor designed cover for year book—adopted as permanent Seal of Auxiliary. Adopted motto—"Service to Others".
1948	Pinehurst	Mrs. W. Reese Beeryhill	38	1168	Nurse Recruitment program started.
1949	Pinehurst	Mrs. Raymond Thompson	43	1321	Dues increased, National \$1 and state \$1. Revision of By-Laws. Fight to defeat National Compulsory Health Program.
1950	Pinehurst	Mrs. Thomas L. Lee	44	1377	Framing and placing in doctor's offices of Filde's Poster "The Doctor." Memorial Fund for Dr. Thos. L. Lee started. Each County urged to organize an Auxiliary.
1951	Pinehurst	Mrs. Harry L. Johnson	40	1458	All eligible members register and vote. First year annual report of Auxiliary, given by President to House of Delegates of Medical Society.
1952	Pinehurst	Mrs. B. Watson Roberts	45	1646	New Committee Chairmen: Civil Defense, Radio and Movies, Newsheet—Sponsored by Hospital Saving Association went to press fall of 1951. House of Delegates instituted.
1953	Pinehurst	Mrs. Roscoe D. McMillan	48	1761	Endowment Fund completed for McCain and Stevens beds. A.M.E.F. Program started Rural Health Program. Sponsoring Doctors Insurance Program.

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1954	Pinehurst	Mrs. Gilbert Billings	49	1828	Mimeographed reports for annual meeting. Endowment Fund started for new bed at Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill (Yoder).
1955	Pinehurst	Mrs. Powell G. Fox	50	1947	Student Loan Fund reactivated, through change of By-Laws. Sponsored Essay Contest. 446 registered at meeting.
1956	Pinehurst	Mrs. Robert D. Croom, Jr.	50	2052	Three students assisted through Loan Fund. Nurse Recruitment active. \$1,186.30 contributed to A.M.E.F. 423 registered at meeting.
1957	Asheville	Mrs. Harvey C. May	55	2212	New Handbook and supplement--dedicated to Past Presidents. 5 new county organizations. 370 registered at meeting. Presidents Pin presented to all Past-Presidents. Safety Program started.

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Memorabilia

The noting of certain informal facts of interest from the scrapbooks and records adds to the formal history. 701 1957

1. Mrs. Sadie McCain has missed only five annual meetings of the Auxiliary since its formation in 1923. Three of these absences were for the accouchement of three of her five children.

2. The first Executive Committee meeting was held in Charlotte, December 16, 1933, in a private dining room of the S & W Cafeteria. The eight members attending were the guests of Mrs. J. W. Huston, the president.

3. The first directors meeting was held when Mrs. J. B. Sidbury was the president in 1938. All officers and members attending were guests of Mrs. Sidbury's at her home in Wrightsville Beach. Those who attended have recently commented regarding the fine time that they had.

4. The minutes of 1933 include a report from the treasurer, Mrs. A. B. Holmes, showing a recovery of \$17.20 from a closed bank in Fairmont.

5. Mrs. E. C. Judd, of Raleigh, served the Auxiliary as treasurer for the years 1934 and 1935, and then from 1938 through 1954. Mrs. Judd was recording secretary during 1936 and 1937.

6. During 1956-57, Mrs. Helen Hitch, the treasurer, made an individual file record for each member, showing the years the member had paid dues and listing the various offices and chairmanships the member had held in the state auxiliary. This card file is now kept up to date each year.

7. Some of the early group pictures in the scrapbook are almost modern so far as clothing is concerned. The "new look for 1958" shows a marked similarity to the clothing of those periods.

8. There is no accurate record of the exact amount of money that this auxiliary, or its components, have contributed to the Jane Todd Crawford Memorial Fund. The money contributed went directly to the chairman of that fund and did not go through the treasurer. The annual reports available show \$939.09 was contributed, however, records for nine years were missing.

9. Dr. John Wesley Long, who was in essence the granddaddy of this auxiliary, was quite prominent in the early formative years of The American College of Surgeons. Many of the recorded suggestions made by him in both organizations are still in use and have developed in certain instances into major programs.

10. During the course of the writing of this history it developed that headquarters of the auxiliary did not possess a large cut or steel die of the official seal. The one used through the years is the property of the Alamance-Caswell Auxiliary. The die used for the cover of this publication will be given to the State Auxiliary.

